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In the history of medicine the history of civilization is reflected. Which history knows, or at least claims, different modes of cure based on principals more or less true.

True Hahnemannian Homoeopathy is the one we claim, whose method it is to remove disease by similarly acting remedies, by which we only increase the vital powers, reacting on the diseased organ; and thus the disease is expelled according to the natural principal of "Similia Similibus Curantur".

This principal teaches us the specific remedies, for each specific

case by teaching us the use of those remedies in specific cases which are able to produce a similar state of Sickness.

The idea of the gradual and certain progress of the material Earth and of the human family, has become so generally accepted that neither argument or historic proof need be cited to illustrate it. In the various forms of matter there may be not apparent change perceivable, but in the mass of the earths productions we can find a steady advance from the lower life to the higher, and of course in looking to the human family we must not cite individuals to verify the statement of mans progress

but we must consider races in their relations to each other. Thus we should compare our nation as a whole.

It has been said by many and again nature tells us that by admitting the fact of progress in the human family, as in in the material world, we lay the foundation on which may rest some of the most beautiful laws of Science. We find that every age has made scientific discoveries that harmonize with its condition.

Every great discovery has fitted the age and the men that made it, and in every investigation into the history of past we gain the satisfactory evidence that every

discovery of truth has awaited only the right time as well as the right man.

Hahnemann has said that a weaker affection is removed by a stronger one if the latter is very similar to the former, and thus it is with the science and progress of Homoeopathy. We find new discoveries and new generations arising to take the place of older ones, yet they are very similar to the older ones. There are two methods of arriving at the truth.

The one as we are taught by our veteran who fills the chair of practice, is to slowly commence at the simplest laws and work upward and onward to the

higher and grander truths; the other is to grasp the higher and trace its conecting links downward to the simplest laws, to which method men of genius are always indebted to, And most discoveries in science have resulted from the genius of some master mind, while the former have reached upward through experiment and fact, and thus completed the chain of evidence which must ever link a great truth to the simple laws of life.

How truly is the saying of many wise men, that the science of Homeopathy look upward to the Genius of Hahnemann, who represents the present age of Medical truth even as the Summit represents the Mountain.

But the progress of Homoeopathy since his discoveries has been without parallel, and we must remember that in any other age, we could hardly have expected such magnificient results.

How truly as before said the century needed the man and the idea! It is no new but an old one first discovered and made practical, and we owe much gratitude to those students of the past, and very much indeed to those who we have been permitted to receive instructions from in the outset of our Medical Career, who have brought up the facts of science to their present proud position.

And now it remains for us who receive those instructions not to

loose these facts but to fit them to the present.

It has ever been the effort of Medical science to aid nature in her efforts, which we find to be easiest and rightly done by the infinteeimal of "Similia Similibus Curantur".

The great fact is that the difference between Homoeopathy and other systems is that while it works in and through nature, they work outside and in antagonism with nature. Consequently we see one may be called the sympathetic process, while the others are eminently antagonistic.

The true Physician not only should but will bend all his efforts

in the direction of aiding nature, and whatever new remedial agent we may bring forward, new provings or observations we make we must be sure to point out the dimilarity of their effects with the symptoms to be changed, not only must the characteristics be noted but such as are so called accidental and unimportant for it has been shown to us time and again that such symptoms are of vast importance and with Prof. Lippe we believe them indispenible.

Thus nature even points out to us her remedies by her efforts, and in simplicity creates a science that need only true hearted Students to reveal.

But nature seems to take her me-
thod, and produce results in her
own fashion, and many of the
doubts and failures now attending
the profession, are owing to the
fact of an inability or d want of
detecting these methods.
One of the failures of allopathic
practice now days is owing to
the laws of nature working ink the
system of man, probably more
than the practice itself.
The progression of primitives
has become a fact to men of science.
Certain substances that in the
hands of the Chemist show cer-
tain ingredients in their simple
state, yet fail to produce like
results in all cases.

Thus we find Carbonate of Mag=
nesia, Chemically treated with
Sulphuric Acid and Crystalized,
forms sulphate of magnesia or
what is known as epsom salts.
The magnesia rock of Hoboken
Contains veins of Carbonate,
when crystalized and taken
to the Chemist he will prono=
unce it pure; but then if used
as a Medicine it will Cause gr=
iping, and probably death.
Now if we disolve the Crys=
tals in water and recrystalize
them, doing it a hundred times
or more, the result is a salt,
which will not gripe at all and
will have the medical effect des=
ired, but if taken to the Chemist

again after this latter process he will by analysis detect no difference between the latter and the former.

Thus we find that the system of man is able to detect the difference that mere Chemestry cannot.

Therefore the more refined remedies may ever be expected to be the most efficient.

There is no agriculturist of the present day that does not choose his fertalizer from the higher combinations.

Bone dust is preferable to phosphate of lime from the rock and it is said or we might say it is a fact known to agricelturists that ashes from a higher class of plants furnish

potash superior to that from a lower class; for instance a burnt hay stack renders the soil underneath capable of bearing larger crops of potash plants than would the same area of soil treated with a greater quantity of potash from forest productions.

And thus nature proves herself true to the principals of our science.

It is assimilation that nature demands, and the remedies of the Homoeopathist look more to the speedy assimilation of particles than to the magnitude of results from quantity. The human system is a laboratory of most delicate power.

Nature needs no workman outside of herself, and hence all the study of the physician should be turned to the aid of nature. When we find by facts that are undeniable that changes produced in substances too refined too be detected by Chemestry will yet be made known in the human system and in plants. Therefore we must believe that in all cases the remedial agent best adapted to man is that which is the most easily assimilated, and it is also proof that the more refined particles of Homoeopathic preperations have a more certain effect than the cruder Medicines of the old School.

We must always remember that our efforts do tend or ought to tend ever to the higher an not the lower means of Cure.

As the present age produces its science, so will the future, and if we are to reform the medical practice of the world, with so good a beginning and so much encouragement, it is not to be done by turning back but by looking forward.

We must meet the time with its appropriate aids; and let those who have come and gone glory in their ages gone by: the standard bearer of Homoeopathy is ahead, and he bears ever this grand device: Excelsior.

the present condition of the world is not its highest, but the foundation is now being laid for the future, which may build a structure that will stand with the immortal Hahnemann such as we cannot even yet fashion in our imaginings, so pure and harmonious will it be in design and proportion.

And it is a fact we should always keep in view, that if any of us would lay a stone of this vast building, it must be done by consistency and devotion to the science we profess to study, with a steadfast aim toward the truer and more perfect.